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SUBJECT: RETURN OF REFUGEES TO NATIVE VILLAGES

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: A. VIENTIANE 0125; B. VIENTIANE 0232; C. VIENTIANE
0475; D. VIENTIANE 0455; E. STATE 009249

1. WE HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY YOUR REPORTING OF THE TWISTS
AND TURNS OF THE REFUGEE ISSUE SINCE THE JCCIA'S ADOPTION
DECEMBER 20 OF THE EIGHT-POINT PLAN. WE COMMEND YOUR
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PROMPT ACTION (REF A, PARA 15) TO HOLD UP USAID ASSISTANCE

UNTIL CONDITIONS WERE MET RE ASSURANCES OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND VERIFICATION OF REFUGEE CONDITIONS IN THE VILLAGES TO WHICH THEY RETURN. THUS, WE WERE GLAD TO SEE THE PGNU COME AROUND TO ACCEPTING UNHCR MONITORING OF THE REFUGEE RETURN PROCESS (REF B) AND FEEL YOUR EFFORTS, IN TANDEM WITH THOSE OF CUENOD, HAVE NOW GOTTEN THE PROGRAM ON THE RIGHT TRACK

2. MISSION'S RECENT REPORTING, (REF C AND D), INDICATES STRONGER LIKELIHOOD THAT SIZEABLE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WILL OPT FOR RETURNING TO THEIR VILLAGES DURING THE TWO MONTH PERIOD. REQUEST MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT, IF ANY, OF THIS MOVEMENT ON USAID'S CURRENT REFUGEE PROGRAMS.

3. FOR GENEVA: WE STRONGLY SUPPORT MISSION'S REQUEST THAT UNHCR BE URGED TO PROVIDE UNHCR/LAOS WITH TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL MANPOWER TO CARRY OUT ITS MUSHROOMING RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NEED FOR OBSERVER/EXPEDITERS WILL CEASE WHEN THE REFUGEE RETURN PROGRAM ENDS WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE RAINY SEASON WHILE PROGRAMMERS MAY BE NEEDED FOR A LONGER PERIOD TO ASSIST IN UNHCR'S SPECIAL INDOCHINA PROGRAM. RE QUESTION OF FUNDING OF FUEL COSTS (REF C) FOR RLAF AIRCRAFT, CUENOD, IN JANUARY 10 MEETING WITH CO-VICE CHAIRMAN OF JCCIA, AGREED THAT UNHCR WOULD PAY OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE AIRCRAFT. INGERSOLL

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